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A CHANGE OF HEART.

The responsible boss whose political action is guided solely by the rule of "working for one pocket all the time," is hardly to be considered a creature of great moral sensibility. His sole claim to public interest and political influence is that tribal loyalty by means of which he gathers and retains his following, and a certain element of pique, which is not unreasonably dissatisfied to that which invests the character of Robin Hood or the hoochie of the Spanish Main. It is this, perhaps, which has won for a certain type of political freebooter the tolerance of a too unwisely indulgent American public opinion. The view which the federal government is prosecuting the election fraud cases in Indiana and Illinois is only one more indication that we are undergoing, in this respect, a "change of heart."—The Outlook.

PROFESSION OF MAYOR.

IN Germany, where efficiency has become a national passion, the profession of mayor of cities has been established. The people of the German cities reason in this fashion:

"We have here a big corporation. It is a big business organization and more. It is a big social organization as well. On its efficient management much of our comfort, our health, our success depends. Therefore we will get the best manager we can find. If he does not happen to be in the city we shall go outside to get him."

The cities pay from \$5,000 to \$10,000, which is equivalent to much more in American terms, and employ their mayor-managers for a long term of years. After a preliminary trial if he proves up to expectations he is retained indefinitely. In the larger Prussian cities his ability is so esteemed that he is usually made a member of the Prussian upper house. If he shows unusual qualifications he may be chosen a minister of state. The mayorality in Germany really offers a career.

Isn't that the sensible way to regard the office? The results in Germany seem to indicate that it is.—Kansas City Star.

THE cures of any breed are justified if for no other reason than increasing appreciation of the thoroughbred.

THE calibre of some men along side of a real man would make a 42 centimeter gun look like a 22 rifle.

THE germ theory has received an additional boost since the war. This will be said news to the "hand holders" union.

IT is all right to say "Keep cool no matter what it is take it quietly," but the only fellow who seems to be able to do this is a burglar.

IN the east a learn-to-buy campaign is being waged. It seems to us the learn-where-to-get-the-money movement might be timely also.

YOU never heard a person brag about that part of their family tree which has come in contact with a limb of the law.

IF some men's records were accepted at what they have to say for themselves there wouldn't be enough holes to go around.

NEW York and other Eastern points "are considering six cent bread seriously." Could it be considered otherwise?

FIGHTS in the bread lines of various cities are being reported in the metropolitan press. What has become of that chemical party popularly called "Strict Neutrality?"

THIS WOMAN'S SICKNESS

Quickly Yielded To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Bridgeton, N.J.—"I want to thank you a thousand times for the wonderful cure you have given me of my long-continued illness. I had been suffering from a nervous breakdown for several years. I was unable to do my housework or attend to my baby. I was so weak. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me a world of good, and now I am strong and healthy, can do my work and tend my baby. I advise all suffering women to take it and get well as I did."—Mrs. FANNIE COOPER, R.F.D., Bridgeton, N.J.

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Stock Notes

THE only thing that seems to grow large in a dry year is debt.

THE more you know the less respect you have for what you do know.

THE Columbia shoe factory is running at one-fourth of its capacity.

AS word reaches from this country that aid is needed in the Holy Land for famine sufferers the gaiety of the nation is added to by the announcement that the Ohio river is about to overflow.

THE success of an industry depends much on the spirit of the community and Jackson Johnson, of the International Shoe Co., expressed his appreciation of the kindly feeling Mexico displayed by sending a committee of citizens to carry him a message in the face of the \$74,000 suit. Co-operation always wins.

THE Mexico Commercial Club is for the good of the city first and last and any effort to make an advertising medium of it for any local organization no matter what its merits, should be discouraged.

WE are coming to the season of the year when the good roads agitation flourishes like the historical "green bay tree." The spring rains bring freshets—freshets of water and enthusiasm for improved highways. They always go hand in hand. When the roads resume what is erroneously termed "normal conditions," that is smooth enough for wagon and motor travel without fear of shaking out every screw and nut, this enthusiasm has disappeared like the freshet. The man who can invent the mental gallooses to sustain the good roads enthusiasm perennially should have his name engraved on every concrete culvert between New York and Frisco.

THE visit of the Commercial Club committee to St. Louis to see the International Shoe Co., officials regarding the opening of the Mexico factory was a most successful one and from the trend of the conversation it would seem the local plant may be enlarged at some not far distant date as the number of employees could be increased quite a bit with but little raise in the overhead expense. The officials seemed little alarmed about the suit. The story of the suit was sent broadcast over the United States. Industries seeking locations will unquestionably feel the attitude here is hostile to such institutions being unable to ascertain from some of the press reports that the suit had not received the full approval of the residents of Mexico.

FOR years we have worked for factories. To anyone at all familiar with the time and money expended as well as the work entailed the present impression abroad concerning Mexico's attitude toward factories cannot but bring a heartache. The younger generation may not recall vividly the suits which drove a brick industry from Mexico but the older citizens revived the incident in expressing their disapproval of the present action. The old Fire Brick Company was sued on account of "smoke." Imagine a factory without smoke. We wish there were a thousand smoke stacks in Mexico.

FAIRM RENT SYSTEM WRONG.

"In many states custom has made March 1 moving day. The renter goes to another place—too often to a run down farm. Here he is to put out another crop and prepare for another move. Thus continues a rotation of renters, thus is kept alive a custom that is the curse of American agriculture. What this short term lease system costs the individual renter in money returns and what it costs the land owner in depleted soil fertility nobody knows.

"The disadvantages of the 1-year lease are so obvious that it is useless to attempt to enumerate them. However, with live stock as the basis of successful farming, special attention may be called to the handicap that both renter and land owner suffer. If the renter lacks the assurance that he will not be forced to sacrifice his stock at public sale in the midwinter months he very naturally declines to get much live stock about him, however profitable it might be under different conditions. So he sticks close to grain farming, selling off his crop and the fertility of the farm at the end of the season. Then leaving the farm poorer for the next man, he goes to another farm that somebody has left poorer for him.

"A plan is needed that will make it profitable for the renter to own live stock and build up the soil by feeding on the farm the crops that are grown there. With a long term lease system, and the assurance that the renter will share in the increased profits, we shall have taken a long step forward. Some times the renter is naturally a poor farmer, as has been charged. More often he is the victim of a rental system that is wrong."—Brentley Gazette.

Stringent Prohibition Bill.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.—Statewide prohibition was placed before the Indiana legislature Thursday by a bill introduced in the house. The bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale or giving away of spirituous, multi-vitamins or intoxicating liquors, but provides for their use for sacramental, scientific, medicinal and medical purposes.

The manufacture of homemade wines and ciders is legalized by the bill.

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